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Priority Albanian Targets of Interest to I/TH and I/MM for  
Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee of the IAC

1. Intelligence Objectives

All targets listed in this memorandum are justified under Objective II, d of DCID 4/6, dated 30 October 1956, which includes "the motivation, character, and magnitude of current economic development programs, their implementation and their effect upon the economic, political, and military strength of the Soviet Bloc."

2. Background

Albania's machine building industry is very small. The industry, in fact, can be characterized as being of the shop-work level. The machine building industry is not capable of meeting the domestic demand for machinery products even though this requirement is limited.

Some industrial construction has been started in Albania in the last three years, but this small, backward, and essentially agricultural economy has barely begun the process of industrialization. The only plant of any size producing articles falling under the engineering classification is the Enver Hoxa Works in Tirana.

3. Industrial Targets

a. Basic Guidance

I/TH and I/MM have a general interest in the machinery and equipment building industries from the following points of view:

- (1) Output statistics, both planned and actual, in physical units and value terms.
- (2) Bloc and non-Bloc imports and exports of machinery products.
- (3) Planned and actual investment.
- (4) Size of labor force, wages, and breakdown of skills.
- (5) Production costs and wholesale prices.
- (6) Inputs of labor and materials.
- (7) Sources of raw and semi-fabricated materials.

Among machinery and equipment industries, I/MM has responsibility for those which produce machine tools, agricultural machines, chemical and refining machinery, textile machinery and precision goods and instruments. I/TH has responsibility for those which produce Transportation goods (trucks, tractors, locomotives and rolling stock) bearings, mining and oil-field machinery, and construction machinery.

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b. The information in which we have expressed an interest is frequently contained in reports sent by producing plants to the central statistical office. In the case of Albania this should not be a big problem due to the small number of plants and in the engineering industry due to the predominance of the Enver Hoxha plant. Certain organizations should prove to be sources of information, they are:

- (1) State Planning Commission
- (2) Ministry of Industry and Mines
- (3) Ministry of Construction
- (4) Ministry of Foreign and Domestic Trade

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